

REMARKS

Claims 1-23, 34-53, and 58 are pending in the present application. As a result of a previous restriction requirement, claims 24-33 and 54-57 were withdrawn and are now cancelled.

The Examiner in the outstanding Action has allowed claims 12-23, 34-53, and 58, for which the undersigned is appreciative. These claims remain unchanged.

The Examiner objected to claims 10 and 11 but indicated that they would be allowable if amended to include all of the subject matter of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

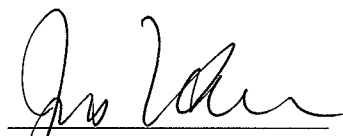
Claim Rejections under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Brophy et al., USP 5,129,724. Claim 1 has been amended to include the feature in claim 10, and claim 10 has been cancelled. Claim 11 has been amended to depend from claim 1. The rejection is believed to be moot in light the of above amendments.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks contained herein, it is believed that all pending claims 1-9, 11- 23, 34-53 and 58 are in condition for allowance and an indication of their allowance is requested. However, if the Examiner is aware of any additional matters that should be discussed, a call to the undersigned attorney at: (415) 318-1162 would be appreciated.

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